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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: STEEL AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRY ROLLING
MILL EQUIPMENT

REF: A. STATE 047492; B. TEHRAN 1759; C. STATE 61125

1. RICHARD P. BROWN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MESTA MACHINE
CO., VISITED IRAN DURING WEEK APRIL 16, WAS RECEIVED BY AMBAS-
SADOR, BRIEFED BY EMBOFFS, AND APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED FOR HIM WITH
TOP

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF INDUSTRIAL AND MINING DEVELOPMENT BANK
OF IRAN (IMDBI), INDUSTRIAL CREDIT BANK (ICB), AND STATE- OWNED
IRANIAN STEEL COMPANY. INFORMATION PROVIDED REF B FOUND TO
BE CORRECT. BROWN MET WITH OFFICIAL S MENTIONED BUT DID NOT RE-
PORT RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS TO EMBASSY NOR HAS HE TO DATE WRITTEN
GIVING IMPRESSIONS OR REQUESTING FOLLOW- UP.

2. DURING BRIEFING BROWN INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LEAD FOR SO
CALLED \$100 MILLION STEEL PROJECT CAME FROM IRAN ALMANAC (OF
WHICH HE HAD PHOTOSTAT OF TWO PAGES) SHOWN TO HIM BY DEPT OF
COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON. ALSO STATED THAT DURING A WASHINGTON
BRIEFING HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IRAN COMMITTED TO SPEND LARGE
BUT UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF DOLLARS TO PURCHASE US EQUIPMENT AS
CONDITION FOR US SUPPLYING IRAN WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND
HARDWARE; HE WANTED TO INSURE THAT HIS FIRM GOT ITS SHARE.

3. QUICKLY DISABUSED OF THIS NOTION AND INFORMED OF EXACT NATURE
OF IRANIAN/ AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS.

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3. EMBASSY INFORMATION REF B CONFIRMED BY IMDBI AND IRAN NATIONAL STEEL CORPORATION, NAMELY, PLANNING OF EXPANSION OF IRANIAN STEEL MILL IN PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGE AND NO DECISION MADE YET AS TO TYPE OR ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO BE USED. REPORTS OF " FOREIGN FIRM" PARTICIPATION REFERS TO RUSSIAN PRESENCE IN ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF ISFAHAN STEEL MILL. NEGATIVE REPLY TO MR. BROWN' S TELEX QUOTED IN REF C UNDERSTANDABLE. APPROACHING TOP EXECUTIVE ANY IRANIAN AGENCY BY TELEX WITHOUT PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION OR PRESENTATION OF COMPANY CREDENTIALS NOT ACCEPTABLE WAY OF MAKING INITIAL CONTACT IN IRAN.

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